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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: D. Knepper
MASAYUKI YAMADA)
: Group Art Unit: 2654
Appln. No.: 09/263,262)
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Filed: March 5, 1999)
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For: SPEECH SYNTHESIS APPARATUS,) October 15, 2003
: CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR,)
: AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
: MEMORY)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

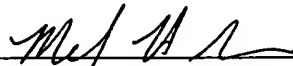
Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action dated April 15, 2003, for two additional months, from August 15, 2003, to October 15, 2003. A one month extension of time with the appropriate fee was filed on August 14, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$840.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in, or overpayment of, this fee should be charged, or credited to, Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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